Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)
AT&T Corp.,)
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Complainant,)
V.) File No. EB-01-MDIC-0007
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CTC Telcom, Inc.,)
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Defendant.)

ORDER

Adopted: April 25, 2002 Released: April 26, 2002

By the Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division, Enforcement Bureau:

1. On January 12, 2001, pursuant to section 1.716 of the Commission rules, AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") filed an informal complaint against defendant CTC Telcom, Inc. ("CTC Telcom") in the above-captioned matter. On March 16, 2001, CTC Telcom filed a report pursuant to section 1.717 of the Commission's rules denying the allegations in AT&T's informal complaint. Pursuant to section 1.718 of the Commission's rules, AT&T was required to convert its informal complaint into a formal complaint within six months from the date of CTC Telcom's report to ensure that the formal complaint related back to the January 12, 2001 filing date of the informal complaint. The Market Disputes Resolution Division ("MDRD") granted AT&T's prior consent motions in this proceeding for additional time to convert the informal complaint under rule 1.718, allowing AT&T until April 26, 2002, to file its formal complaint against CTC Telcom. MDRD granted these motions because the parties were actively engaged in

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¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.716.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.717.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.718.

⁴ See AT&T Corp. v. Advamtel, LLC d/b/a Plan B Communications, et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 01-2158 (EB-MDRD rel. Sept. 14, 2001); AT&T Corp. v. Advamtel, LLC d/b/a Plan B Communications, et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 01-2321 (EB-MDRD rel. Oct. 4, 2001); AT&T Corp. v. Advamtel, LLC d/b/a Plan B Communications, et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 01-2428 (EB-MDRD rel. Oct. 18, 2001); AT&T Corp. v. Advamtel, LLC d/b/a Plan B Communications, et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 01-2551 (EB-MDRD rel. Nov. 2, 2001); AT&T Corp. v. Advamtel, LLC d/b/a Plan B Communications, et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 01-2661 (EB-MDRD (continued....)

promising settlement negotiations, and were participating in good faith in mediation sessions supervised by MDRD staff.

- 2. Since filing its informal complaint, AT&T and CTC Telcom have engaged in extensive discussions regarding settling their dispute, and reached tentative agreements regarding each of their remaining open issues during an April 5, 2002 status conference/mediation session supervised by MDRD staff. The parties are in the process of documenting their agreements and are optimistic that a settlement will be finalized and executed before the next scheduled status conference on May 3, 2002. In light of this, on April 25, 2002, AT&T filed a Consent Motion Requesting Additional Extension of Time In Which To Convert Its Informal Complaint Against CTC Telcom Into A Formal Complaint and Toll Limitations Period.⁵ AT&T requests a waiver of section 1.718 of the Commission's rules and an additional extension of time until May 10, 2002, to convert its informal complaint against CTC Telcom into a formal complaint, if necessary.⁶ CTC Telcom has consented to AT&T's request.⁷
- 3. We are satisfied that granting AT&T's motion will serve the public interest by promoting the private resolution of disputes and by postponing the need for further litigation and expenditure of further time and resources of the parties and of this Commission until such time as may actually be necessary.
- 4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 208 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), and 208, and sections 1.3 and 1.718 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.3, 1.718, and the authority delegated in sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.311, that the Consent Motion of AT&T Corp. Requesting Additional Extension of Time in Which to Convert Informal Complaint Against CTC Telcom to Formal Complaint and Toll Limitations Period IS GRANTED.
- 5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, unless otherwise extended by order, the deadlines that would otherwise apply under section 1.718 of our rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.718, or under our previous orders

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rel. Nov. 15, 2001), AT&T Corp. v. Advamtel, LLC d/b/a Plan B Communications, et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 01-2780 (EB-MDRD rel. Nov. 30, 2001); AT&T Corp. v. Advamtel, LLC d/b/a Plan B Communications, et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 01-2920 (EB-MDRD rel. Dec. 18, 2001); AT&T Corp. v. Advamtel, LLC d/b/a Plan B Communications, et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 02-035 (EB-MDRD rel. Jan. 9, 2002), AT&T Corp. v. Advamtel, LLC d/b/a Plan B Communications, et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 02-210 (EB-MDRD rel. Jan. 29, 2002); AT&T Corp. v. Advamtel, LLC d/b/a Plan B Communications, et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 02-360 (EB-MDRD rel. Feb. 15, 2002); AT&T Corp. v. CT Communications, Inc., et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-002 – 014, Order, DA 02-450 (EB-MDRD rel. Feb. 27, 2002); AT&T Corp. v. CT Communications, Inc., et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-005 – 014, Order, DA 02-597 (EB-MDRD rel. Mar. 12, 2002); AT&T Corp. v. CT Communications, Inc., et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-005 – 014, Order, DA 02-721 (EB-MDRD rel. Mar. 27, 2002), AT&T Corp. v. CT Communications, Inc., et al., File Nos. EB-01-MDIC-005 – 014, Order, DA 02-822 (EB-MDRD rel. Apr. 11, 2002)

⁵ See Consent Motion of AT&T Corp. Requesting Additional Extension of Time in Which Its Convert Informal Complaint Against CTC Telcom Into A Formal Complaint and Toll Limitations Period, *AT&T Corp. v. CTC Telcom, Inc.*, File No. EB-01-MDIC-007 (filed Apr. 25, 2002).

⁶ *Id.* at 2.

⁷ *Id*

in this proceeding, are hereby waived, and the date on which AT&T must convert its informal complaint

against CTC Telcom, Inc., into a formal complaint pursuant to section 1.718 of our rules, 47 C.F.R. \$ 1.718, is extended to May 10, 2002.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Alexander P. Starr Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division Enforcement Bureau